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In re Application of

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For: BLEACHING AND BRIGHTNESS STABILIZATION

OF LIGNOCELLULOSIC MATERIALS WITH WATER-SOLUBLE

PHOSPHINES OR PHOSPHONIUM COMPOUNDS

Group Art Unit 1731

Examiner - Eric J. Hug

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 4, 2006.

Claim amendments in response and remarks are submitted hereinafter commencing on new pages.